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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN DETAINEE

LUIS MARIA BAZZANO

REF: A. STATE 5146 B. MONTEVIDEO 155 C. MONTEVIDEO 4510

[REDACTED] FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. LUIS' SITUATION.

2. BACKGROUND: FOLLOWING HIS ARREST ON APRIL 4, 1976

HE WAS TAKEN TO A POLICE STATION AND THEN TO THE PUNTA
CARRETAS PRISON IN MONTEVIDEO, USED MOSTLY TO HOLD COMMON
CRIMINALS. ON MAY 6, 1976 LUIS WAS FREED UNDER BAIL BY A
MILITARY COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE, BUT WAS IMMEDIATELY RE-
ARRESTED AND DISAPPEARED. THEN, IN JUNE AND AUGUST 1976

[REDACTED] INFORMED THAT LUIS WAS IN A LOCAL MILITARY
HOSPITAL. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NOT ALLOWED TO SEE HIM. [REDACTED]

LUIS WAS BEING HELD AT THE FIRST INFANTRY REGIMENT (LA
PATRONA) BARRACKS IN MONTEVIDEO. SINCE THAT TIME [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PERMITTED TO VISIT HIM EVERY 15 DAYS.

3. CURRENT TREATMENT: [REDACTED] INFORMED US THAT

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LUIS WAS RECENTLY BROUGHT TO THE MILITARY HOSPITAL FOR
EXAMINATION AND OUT-PATIENT TREATMENT FOR HEMORRHOIDS
(APPARENTLY THE "INTESTINAL" PROBLEM REPORTED IN REF C).
HE IS FELL WITH ABOUT 20 OTHERS IN A SHED-TYPE STRUCTURE.
ABOUT 30 DAYS AGO, GENERAL RODOLFO ZUBIA (NEW COMMANDER
OF THE FIRST ARMY DIVISION) PAID AN INSPECTION VISIT TO
THE BARRACKS WHICH INCLUDED A REVIEW OF THE PRISONERS BUT
NO INTERVIEWS. SINCE THAT TIME, LUIS HAS REPORTED BETTER
TREATMENT. THE FOOD HAS IMPROVED AND PRISONERS ARE NOW
ALLOWED OUTDOORS TO WORK THREE DAYS PER WEEK, FOR ONE AND
ONE-HALF HOURS EACH TIME. HOWEVER, THEY STILL ARE NOT
ALLOWED TO READ.

4. SENTENCING: ALTHOUGH [REDACTED] THE
PROSECUTOR HAS REQUESTED A FOUR AND ONE-HALF YEAR SENTENCE
FOR LUIS, THE COURT HAS NOT YET ACTED.

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